

# Renewal of Baptismal Promises

*Light your baptismal candles if you have them, or any (ideally white) candles, one per person. Then pray the renewal of baptismal promises below. On a baptismal anniversary, consider reciting the "renewal ceremony" text or saying something similar in your own words before and after the promises.*

V. Do you reject Satan?

**R. I do.**

V. And all his works?

**R. I do.**

V. And all his empty promises?

**R. I do.**

V. Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

**R. I do.**

V. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

**R. I do.**

V. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

**R. I do.**

V. God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

*After vows have been renewed, end by sprinkling each person with holy water or making the sign of the cross with holy water, if available.*

*Parents can bless their children by saying "I bless you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" while making the sign of the cross on a child's forehead, or, people can bless themselves by making the sign of the cross, but only the priest makes the sign of the cross with his hand over others..*

## Baptismal Anniversary Renewal Ceremony

Leader: Some time ago we presented N\_\_\_ for baptism. By water and the Holy Spirit he/she received the gift of new life from God, who is love. On our part we have made it our constant care to bring N\_\_\_ up in the practice of the faith.

We have tried to see that the divine life which God gave be kept from the poison of sin and might grow always stronger in N\_\_\_'s heart. We share a common faith, the faith of the Church, and it was in this faith N\_\_\_ was baptized. At that time we rejected sin and professed our faith in Christ Jesus. Now that you, N\_\_\_, are older and your faith makes you ready to accept this responsibility, we ask you to renew the vows of your own baptism. (Or, until N\_\_\_ is older and able to accept this responsibility we now in N\_\_\_'s name renew the vows of baptism.),

*[Pray the Baptismal Promises above.]*

Leader: We have renewed N\_\_\_'s vows first made at baptism. He/she is called a child of God, for so he/she is. In confirmation N\_\_\_ will receive/received the fullness of God's Spirit. In holy communion, N\_\_\_ will participate/participates in the banquet of Christ's sacrifice, calling God our Father in the midst of the Church. All of us, sharing a common sonship with N\_\_\_, now pray together in the words our Lord gave us.

**All: Our Father...**

Leader: May God the almighty Father, who filled the world with joy by giving us his only Son, bless N\_\_\_. May he/she grow to be more fully like Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: May almighty God, who gives life on earth and in heaven, bless the parents of N\_\_\_. May they always show their gratitude for the gift of life and grace in N\_\_\_ by loving and caring for this child.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: May almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, generously bless all of us who are his faithful children. May we always live as his people, and may he bless all here present with his peace.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: May almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless us.